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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee; Revisions to the Knox

County Portion of the Tennessee State Implementation Plan

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve revisions to the Knox County portion of the Tennessee State Implementation Plan (SIP), submitted by the State of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) on August 19, 2009, August 22, 2012, and October 12, 2012. The SIP submittals include changes to Knox County Air Quality Management Regulations concerning *Open Burning, Permits* and *Regulation of Volatile Organic Compounds*. TDEC considers Knox County's SIP revisions to be as or more stringent than the Tennessee SIP requirements. EPA is proposing to approve the Knox County SIP revisions because the State has demonstrated that they are consistent with the Clean Air Act.

In the Final Rules Section of this <u>Federal Register</u>, EPA is approving the State's implementation plan revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this rule, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse comments,

the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this document. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before [insert date 30 days after date of publication in the Federal Register].

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R04-OAR-2012-0887, by one of the following methods:

- 1. <u>www.regulations.gov</u>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- 2. E-mail: <u>R4-RDS@epa.gov</u>.
- 3. Fax: (404) 562-9019.
- Mail: "EPA-R04-OAR-2012-0887," Regulatory Development Section, Air Planning
 Branch, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection
 Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960.

Hand Delivery or Courier: Lynorae Benjamin, Chief, Regulatory Development Section, Air Planning Branch, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Regional Office's normal hours of operation. The Regional Office's official hours of business are Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 4:30, excluding

federal holidays.

Please see the direct final rule which is located in the Rules section of this Federal Register for

detailed instructions on how to submit comments.

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8960. The telephone number is (404) 562-9043. Mr. Lakeman can be reached via electronic

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the direct final rule

which is published in the Rules Section of this Federal Register. A detailed rationale for the

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Dated: February 12, 2013.

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